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Thai mediator named

Prem seeks talks with coup officers

BANGKOK, April 2 (AP) — Former Prime Minister Kriangsak Chomanan was appointed Thursday to mediate between Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda and a group of senior military officers who are trying to overthrow him, the Prem-controlled radio station in northeast Thailand announced.

Meanwhile, sources said Prem had offered privately to allow the coup's leaders to leave the country if they halted their attempt to overthrow him.

The radio in Korat, Prem's emergency headquarters, said Kriangsak was named "because he is respected by both sides," it did not say who selected him. It said negotiations were underway with the rebel generals.

Kriangsak traveled to Korat, 241 kms northeast of Bangkok, for an audience with King Bhumipol Adulyadej, then returned to Bangkok to talk with coup leader Gen. Sant Chitpatima, the radio said. There was no immediate comment from the coup leaders. Kriangsak was prime minister from 1977 until February of last year, when he resigned.

and parliament named Prem to succeed him. Earlier, Prem had issued a new warning to rebel troops to return to their barracks or face the consequences. A sports plane, broadcasting the sundown ultimatum, had circled repeatedly over the heavily fortified central Bangkok headquarters of the "revolutionary council" that staged a bloodless coup Wednesday.

One hour earlier, Gen. Prem allowed a 6 p.m. (110 GMT) deadline to the rebels, led by Gen. Sant Chitpatima, to expire without incident. But residents, fearing a possible clash, were largely off the streets after night fell. Meanwhile, troops under Prem's control halted their advance toward Bangkok 90 kms from the capital.

Key civilian and military officials, meanwhile, continued Thursday to rally to the 60-year-old bachelor prime minister, who is with the royal family at an army base in Korat, 250 kms (150 miles) northeast of Bangkok. More than half his 40-member coalition cabinet flew to Korat to join three of Thailand's four regional army commanders and top officers of the navy and air force, who had rallied to the white-haired premier earlier.

An AFP reporter at Korat said 40 of Thailand's 72 provincial governors, plus former Prime Minister Kriangsak Chomanan, had also reached Korat. The presence of King Bhumipol Adulyadej, 53, implying support for Gen. Prem, is proving a major stumbling block for the coup leaders, who appeared to backpedal Wednesday night to avoid a showdown. In Thailand, the king is both a man and a symbol, the nation's most powerful unifying force. As head of state, he is constitutionally required to remain above party politics.

Coup leader Gen. Sant flayed Prem earlier in the day for what he called "dragging into the dispute" the name of the monarch, who has refrained from any public statement. Later, Gen. Sant, 59, said he was sending an unnamed envoy to meet the king in what was believed to be a sign.



TAKEOVER: Gen. Sant Chitpatima, the deputy commander in chief of the army, who announced a coup d'etat against Prime Minister Gen. Prem Tinsulanonda in Bangkok Wednesday.

Zionists fight A WACs deal

By Bob Lebling and Foad Asmar
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, April 2 (AP) — Israel is mobilizing its supporters in the United States to try to block the sale of AWACs radar aircraft to Saudi Arabia in what officials describe as the biggest such Israeli lobbying effort since the 1978 battle over the Kingdom's F-15 sales.

Zionist lobbyists on Capitol Hill are now trying to persuade members of the Senate and House of Representatives to sign letters to President Reagan opposing the sale of AWACs (Airborne Warning and Control System) planes to the Kingdom, sources said. But so far, the signature campaign is not succeeding, according to these sources. In the Senate, the Israeli lobby is trying to convince at least 30 senators to sign the draft letter, but as of Wednesday the number of signatures was well short of this number.

If the Israeli lobby fails to get 30 signatures in the Senate, it is expected to kill the letter, sources said. Defense analysts said the Reagan administration was prepared to sell Saudi Arabia either the AWACs itself or if the Saudis prefer, a smaller, more cost-effective airborne radar plane, the E-2C "Hawkeye."

The radar aircraft options will be discussed with Saudi Arabian leaders when Secretary of State Alexander Haig visits the Kingdom next week on his Middle East tour, sources said.

Iraq admits deal

BEIRUT, April 2 (Agencies) — Iraq confirmed Wednesday it had purchased ammunition for its Soviet-made weapons from Egypt, saying it was "part of a pure business deal" made through a third party. The official Iraqi News Agency said the deal signalled no change in its political position toward Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's regime.

The agency pointed out that Iraqi President Saddam Hussein had announced more than once that Iraq was ready to buy arms and ammunition from any available source, except Israel.

Meanwhile, the Reagan administration officially notified Congress Wednesday it intends to license the sale to Iraq of five Boeing passenger jets for civilian use.

Sixteen injured in Las Vegas hotel fire

LAS VEGAS, April 2 (AP) — A fire confined to a luxury suite on the fifth floor of Caesars Palace Hotel injured 16 persons Wednesday and forced hundreds to flee the hotel's 12-story central tower, authorities said. It was the third sizable fire hotel fire here in less than five months.

Smoke poured from fifth floor windows, and breaking glass showered the ground as people raced out to the parking lot behind the luxury hotel. Fleeing guests and hotel employees made their way out of the hotel after the fire erupted at 10:05 a.m.



HOTEL FIRE: Smoke billows from a fifth floor room at Caesars Palace Hotel Wednesday as hotel guests stand on the roof of a structure near the hotel pool to watch. Sixteen persons including six fighters, were injured in the blaze but only one was serious.



FACES IMAGE: Six-year-old Natalie Norgrove came face to face with her own image recently. Natalie — Miss Pears 1980, from Kidderminster, Hereford and Worcester, received her portrait from controversial royal painter Bryan Organ. She had her own surprise for Organ a portrait she had painted of him while she posed.

Reagan attends to work

WASHINGTON, April 2 (AP) — Despite some pain, a high-spirited President Reagan got out of bed and set to work in his hospital suite Wednesday as aides indicated he may be released by early next week — and make a major trip before the month is out.

White House physician Daniel declared late in the day that "the president continues to make excellent progress toward full recovery" from the bullet wound which punctured his left lung in Monday's assassination attempt. "He has experienced some pain, which is normal for an injury and surgery of this type, he is now resting comfortably," Ruge said.

Earlier, Vice President George Bush said after a visit that "the president is doing so well ... it's really amazing."

Meanwhile, James S. Brady, the presidential press secretary, shot in the brain during the assassination attempt, was making a "truly exceptional" recovery and may regain more mental functions than had been hoped, brain specialists said. He remained in critical condition and his doctors said they were "cautiously optimistic."

John W. Hinckley Jr., charged with trying to kill Reagan, underwent three hours of psychiatric testing to determine if Hinckley is competent to stand trial. He is being held at the Quantico, Virginia, marine base, south of Washington.

As for the shooting itself, sources who declined to be identified say investigators now believe that Reagan was hit by a ricochet from one of the six bullets fired instead of being struck directly.

Jodie shocked

NEW HAVEN, April 2 (Agencies) — Actress Jodie Foster has said she was "shocked" and "frightened" when she learned that the man who is accused of shooting U.S. President Ronald Reagan may have written letters to her.

She declined to say anything about the contents, except that they did not refer to the president and were not of a threatening nature. In fact, she said Wednesday they seemed more like love letters.

She said she had received a number of letters and notes signed either "Jon" or "John Hinckley" last fall and again last month. She said she threw the earlier ones away.

The U.S. Justice Department reportedly found an unmailed letter addressed to Miss Foster in Hinckley's Washington hotel room after his arrest Monday. It reportedly indicated he wanted to impress her by killing the president. (Text of the letter on Back page).

Miss Foster said she received "several pieces of unsolicited correspondence" after she entered Yale as a literature major and "threw them all away."

"This is not uncommon as I receive a great deal of similar unsolicited correspondence. At the beginning of March I received three or four more notes similarly signed," she said. "On March 6, I gave them to my college dean, who in turn gave them to the Yale police. These are now in the custody of the FBI."

"In none of these letters and notes I received was any mention, reference or implication ever made as to violent acts against anyone, nor was the president ever mentioned," she said in a prepared statement.

Hinckley, under heavy guard at a U.S. Marine Base in Quantico, Virginia, is due to appear at a court hearing Friday.

The cheap, 22-caliber pistol allegedly used in the shooting gun was made in Germany and assembled in Miami. Gun experts said the pistol's relative lack of power and the shortness of its barrel might have helped limit the seriousness of the president's chest wound.

Zia says Peace moves to continue

By Wahib Ghorah

MEDINA, April 2 — Islamic peace efforts to end the Iraq-Iranian war will continue despite their suspension at summit level Wednesday, Pakistan's President Zia ul-Haq said here Thursday.

The president, a member of the Islamic peace mission told Arab News here that "progress is usually slow in view of the conflicting and rigid attitudes" of the two warring countries.

Zia, who paid a visit to the Prophet's Mosque before leaving for home Thursday, added that the mission had "made progress" to narrow the gap between Iraq and Iran and that Secretary General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference Habib Chatti will continue contacts with the two governments.

"The gap is not too big," Zia said. He also shared the belief of other mission members that the results of the Islamic peace move "were encouraging and that the problem, God willing, will be solved."

The leader of the mission President Sekou Toure of Guinea announced Wednesday that peace efforts at summit level were suspended, though Chatti will continue to shuttle between Baghdad and Tehran. He also announced that new proposals for an Islamic court and a committee to study the Iraq-Iran Shatt al Arab dispute will be proposed to the two countries.

On Pakistan's relations with the Soviet Union President Zia confirmed in his interview with Arab News that Moscow had approached Islamabad with the view to recognize the regime of Babrak Karmal of Afghanistan. The Soviet Union offered to settle for good the undemarcated parts of the Afghan-Pakistani border, he said.

"We have refused to do so, because we believe that certain principles cannot be traded for material gains."

The Soviet Union realizes this "They are friendly with India and they are in control of Afghanistan. Between the two Pakistan is sandwiched, Zia said. The Soviet Union does not like to see this Islamic state defy its overtures. "So they are out to teach us a lesson, probably by fomenting subversion in Baluchistan. "Baluchistan is a part of Pakistan which has recently been restive."

Pakistan, he said, will support a U.N.-sponsored mission to find a peaceful solution to the Afghan problem. The U.N. representative will arrive in Islamabad next week to start his mission since the Soviet Union had rejected the committee formed by the Islamic

Labor Party shocked

LONDON, April 2 (AFP) — Leading leftist Labor MP Tony Benn Thursday shook his opposition party by announcing that he will stand for election as deputy party leader.

His move came just one week after four former Labor cabinet ministers broke away to form the Social Democratic Party out of disillusion with Labor's leftward trend. Benn's decision highlights the struggle between leftists and moderates for control of the Labor Party direction.

Last autumn, MPs voted center-leftist Michael Foot as party leader in succession to moderate James Callaghan, and in a second compromise vote, they elected moderate Denis Healey as deputy leader. But Benn's band is now strengthened by the new method of electing the party leader adopted in January which gives only 30 per cent of the votes to parliamentarians.

He now sees his chance to swing the party toward full-blooded socialism with a program based on Britain's withdrawal from the European community, unilateral nuclear disarmament, and greater democracy at every level of society and industry.

Benn to fight for deputy leadership

Benn's decision has pleased the ruling Conservative Party as well as the Liberals and Social Democrats who believe that the rise of this leftist personality would frighten off many traditional labor voters.

If Benn is elected deputy leader at the next annual Labor Party conference in Brighton in the autumn the Social Democrats already credited by opinion polls with 30 per cent of public support, could become even more popular.

The Social Democrats' main opponent would then be the Conservative Party which is heading for unpopularity because its policies appear to be hearing little fruit. But moderates in the Labor Party have not given up yet and Healey said two months ago that he was prepared to stand against Benn and was sure of winning.

Meanwhile, Healey and his backers, with the support of Foot, are hoping to change the January decision redrafting the election method. They favor an electoral college with Labor MPs holding most of the votes. But reform of this point now depends on the success or failure of Benn.

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That the Indian Trade Exhibition will not be open today, Friday, April 3, due to unavoidable circumstances.

King Khaled to open new Jeddah airport

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, April 2 — King Khaled will dedicate the new international airport April 22, officials announced here Thursday.

The airport, named after King Abdul Aziz — founder of the Kingdom, will begin full operations six weeks later according to Sheikh Kamel Sindi, deputy minister of defense for civil aviation affairs.

The 64-square-kilometer airport, one of the largest in the world, has taken more than five years and SR1.5 billion to build so that it may cater to normal and pilgrim traffic well into the next century. Its pilgrim's hall alone will be able to handle 80,000 passengers 24 hours a day which will considerably facilitate the pilgrims' entry and exit procedures.

Described by foreign experts as "perhaps the world's most modern and certainly most interesting international airport," it has

three main passenger halls and a royal terminal. The royal hall is a palatial structure of Greek marble sprawling under a pyramidal copper roof. It was designed by the Japanese-American architect Minoru Yamasaki.

The 4.6-million square foot pilgrims' complex with 68 airplane parking spaces, is 25 per cent larger than the Pentagon. It was designed by American architects Skidmore, Owings and Merrill without walls-to let the desert breeze blow through what otherwise would be a hot enclosure. But the terminal's 3,200 toilets and other passenger conveniences are discreetly shielded inside artistically decorated concrete enclosures beneath the futuristic tending.

Two other terminals separated by a Kentucky bluegrass mall that is constantly greened by a network of 80 kilometers of irrigation pipe, complete the airport's passenger facilities.

For UNICEF

Gulf states to sign contract

RIYADH, April 2 (SPA) — The declaration on the establishment of the Arab Gulf Development Fund in Bahrain is to be initiated Saturday, it was announced here by Prince Talal bin Abdul Aziz, special envoy for UNICEF, Thursday.

He said representatives of the seven Arab states of the Gulf would meet under his auspices in Manama to sign the declaration on setting up the organization, which would serve nearly 130 states of Asia, Africa and Latin America.

Prince Talal, who is honorary assistant secretary-general of the United Nations, expressed the hope that the organization's present fund of \$200 million would be further increased with the contribution of the seven states, especially since they are meeting for the first time in such an organization with self-supervision on its aid to the emerging nations.

He said the establishment of the organiza-

tion would strengthen the position of Arab states in the United Nations. He added that opportunities would be given to the private sector to contribute in the reinforcement of the organization.

Prince Talal said the basic concern of the states of the region is that the U.N. open its offices in this region, since it needs the expertise of international organizations which this organization can supply in the field of health, education, culture and manpower. He added that the organization would spend on the projects of those countries which have minimum resources of their own.

Prince Talal said he will resume his tour of the industrialized states and urge them to help the U.N. agencies. He would also visit the emerging states to get a first-hand knowledge of their projects, he added. He said he will begin his tour with a visit to France April 10.

Oil officials urge transfer of technology

KUWAIT, April 2 (AP) — Leading world economists, bankers and oil affairs experts waded up a two-day seminar here Wednesday, underscoring the "importance of a commitment" by the industrialized West to transfer technology to Third World countries without delay.

But the participants in the seminar cautioned against "political and social problems" involved in a rapid transformation to computerized technology of developing nations.

The seminar was attended by Kuwaiti Minister of Finance and Planning Abdel-Latif Al-Hamad, Ali Khalifa Al-Sabah of oil, the Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Ahmed Zaki Yamani and his Indonesian counterpart Dr. Subroto, and others.

Prominent scientists, economist and finance experts from Europe, the United States, Japan and Africa also participated. These included former Senegalese President Leopold Senghor, Japan's Deputy Minister for Foreign Trade Naheeru Amaya, Former French Foreign Minister Louis de Guiringaud, French economist Jean Servan Schreiber, and former U.S. ambassador to Saudi Arabia James Akins, and others.

The seminar was conducted on the basis of Schreiber's latest book *The International Challenge*, charting out the means of accelerating development in the Third World through phased transfer of technology, mainly computer programming.

During the seminar, Gulf Arab officials insisted that they were "making a big sacrifice" in over-producing oil and gas with a view to helping meet consistently increasing energy needs of the world.

They said that this "sacrifice of depletable resources" should be reciprocated with a guarantee of a transfer of technology to developing nations by the industrialized countries of the West. "Otherwise, developing countries will miss the opportunity when they lose leverage in the post-oil era," one Arab researcher contended.

Hajj committee to meet

JEDDAH, April 2 (SPA) — The Central Hajj Committee will meet here Saturday to discuss the spraying of fire-resistant material on tents during the Pilgrimage season this year, it was announced Thursday.

The meeting will be chaired by Interior Minister Prince Naif, who is the head of the Higher Committee for Hajj. Other participants will include Governor of Mecca Prince Majed, in his capacity as chairman of the Central Hajj Committee, and several officials from government departments concerned with the pilgrimage.

UAE ruler places project cornerstone

DELMA, UAE, April 2 (WAM) — United Arab Emirates President Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al-Nahyan Thursday laid the cornerstone of a major oil industrial project in this island about 250 kilometers west of Abu Dhabi.

The \$700 million project involves the construction of a petroleum industrial city on the island equipped with all possible public housing, health communications, air and naval transportation facilities for those who operate the project.

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The ceremony also was attended by vice president and prime minister, Sheikh Rashid bin Said Al-Maktoum and Minister of petroleum and mineral resources, Dr. Mana Said Al Otaiba and a large crowd of citizens. The project will be executed by Umm Al-Dalakh Industrial Development Company (UDICO) which was established jointly by the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) and Japan Oil Development Company (JODCO) in 1979.

The two companies signed an agreement earlier this year under which JODCO is to

spend \$400 million on the project, the share of ADNOC is to be paid over five years.

The President urged the company's officials to speed up the project in order to achieve further benefits, for the residents of the island and the people of the UAE as a whole. He added that he has already issued directives of his own calling for the provision of all possible facilities to support the project to enable it rise to the international level.

Sheikh Zayed, accompanied by other dignitaries, listened to a detailed report on the project and examined designs and maps during a short rest at the model farm on the island.

The project, to be set up on the eastern side of the island, will include the building of two production stations, one main and the other secondary, offshore rigs, pipelines linking the island with the oil fields and the stations.

A UDICO official told the president that the petroleum industrial installations will be built on an area of about 300,000 sq. meters while the 350 housing units for the operators and their families will occupy more than twice the industrial area, despite the fact that there will be six huge tanks each with a capacity of 60,000 cubic meters.

Along the east side of the island, there will be a floating quay, some 150 meters long and a dock for the company's boats.

Dr. Otaiba said the project will transform the island into a base of petroleum industry, quoted a saying by the president "there is no use for money if it was not dedicated to the service of the people."

'Annoyance' caller punished

RIYADH, April 2 — A citizen convicted of making malicious telephone calls was sentenced to one week in prison on the orders of Riyadh Governor Prince Salman. The offender's telephone service also was disconnected for six months, a Saudi Telephone press statement said Friday.

In light of the case, Saudi Telephone's Riyadh District Manager Muhammad Jamil Mulla said, "While it is unfortunately true

that malicious and annoying calls are sometimes made by irresponsible persons, Saudi Telephone is ready to cooperate in any way to help eliminate this problem."

According to the statement, Mulla offered subscribers the following suggestions: If a subscriber receives a malicious call, he or she should not converse with the caller or encourage the person in any way, but should hang up immediately. Generally, the annoyance caller will abandon any further activity, the statement said.

However, if the calls persist, the situation should be reported to the proper legal authorities, which is the office of the governor and the chief of police in Riyadh, the statement said. Saudi Telephone also said that the company has the technical capability to identify the number from which the call was made.

COMMENT

By Thamer Al-Munim
Al Medina

The mayor of Jeddah has done a lot toward the beautification of this city. His latest artistic contribution can be seen in the Foreign Office square which is a magnificent present and a masterpiece of engineering skill.

The garden with the saucer-shaped fountain is extremely beautiful, especially with benches for strollers to sit in the garden. But how to reach this place is a problem for all. The circular square is surrounded by traffic round the clock. Anyone wishing to get in and relax will have to seek God's mercy before trying to cross over to the park amid the busy traffic.

Every country of the world with similar projects makes small steel bridges to facilitate citizens' movements to and from the park. Some even construct tunnels for this purpose. But this park does not have any point to stop the traffic and allow the pedestrians to get into the park without any traffic hazard. The only stops that we observe are near the foreign office or the regional army command. The absence of a stop light near the park loses part of the importance of this artistic achievement.

If there is already a plan to create such a facility near this square, I would wish to be excused for anticipating the matter. But if there is no such project, we have only to accept the present situation with patience.

As a proposal, if it is not possible to provide any means to reach the park, the benches should be removed and the gates closed, in order to make the whole project one of the engineering landmarks of Jeddah.

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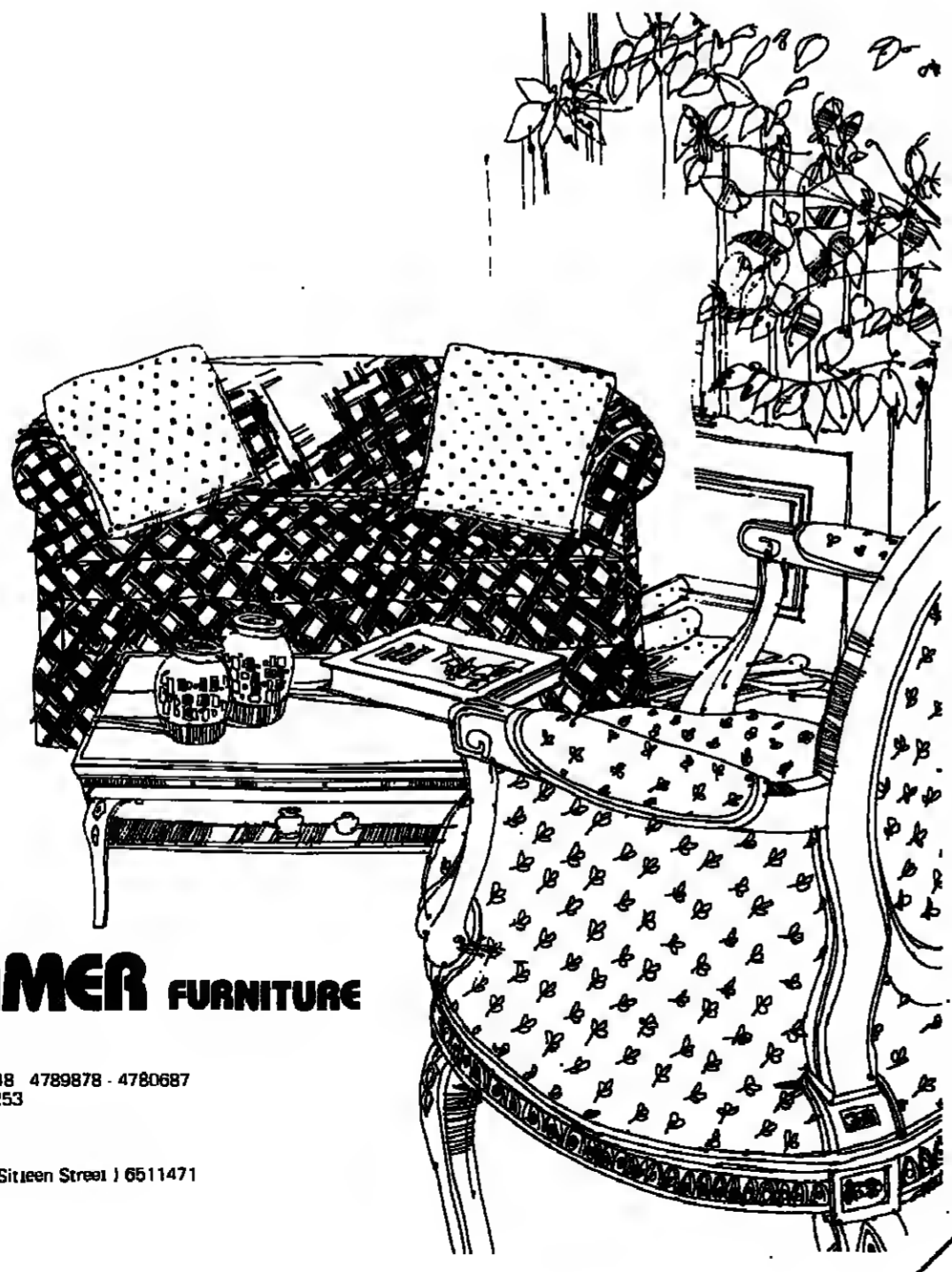
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Fierce fighting

Syrian forces shell eastern Beirut

BEIRUT, April 2 (Agencies) — Fierce fighting with artillery and heavy machineguns erupted in Beirut Thursday as Syrian peacekeeping troops battled with rightist militiamen.

Residents reached by telephone in mostly Christian east Beirut reported "shell raining on us" and said thousands of families in Ashrafieh and Furn El-Shubback were huddled in basements and bomb shelters.

Guards not spared

Khomeini wants purges in judiciary

TEHRAN, April 2 (Agencies) — Iran's leader Ayatollah Khomeini has issued an unexpected call for purges of the Islamic judiciary and the revolutionary guards, two of the country's most cherished institutions.

statements." He said: "The revolution cannot accept them and will punish those who do not obey. The public prosecutor must end this dangerous trend."

the change has been slow to trickle through the scattered Iranian communities abroad, according to lawyers and some embassy spokesmen in New York.

to the first week after the restrictions were lifted, 243 Iranians entered the United States, compared to 225 during the last week the restrictions were in force, said Janet Graham, a spokesman for the immigration and naturalization service.

Ali's offer

RDF can use Egypt's bases

BRUSSELS, April 2 (R) — Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali has said his country would be willing to make available its military bases and facilities to a Rapid Deployment Force proposed by the United States for possible use in the Gulf area.

discussed with the Reagan administration would be how the U.S. would continue working as a full partner in the Middle-East peace process.

The talks would also deal with a projected multi-national force to patrol the Sinai after the withdrawal of Israeli forces in 1982, Ali said.

The proposed Sinai force faced a possible veto by the Soviet Union in the United Nations, Egypt and Israel are looking for countries willing to participate in an alternative force. Ali said the question of Norwegian and Danish participation in the force was raised during his recent visits to Oslo and Copenhagen, but he did not ask Belgium to take part. He will visit Sweden before returning to Cairo.

On southwest Asia

Turkey, U.S. find agreement

WASHINGTON, April 2 (R) — Turkish Foreign Minister Ilter Turkmen has said he found a "great convergence of views" with Secretary of State Alexander Haig in assessing the security threat to southwest Asia.

in neighboring Iran and the broad question of security in the Gulf region were among the topics discussed. The officials described U.S.-Turkish bilateral relations as excellent. Also discussed was the state of Turkish-Greek relations, which U.S. officials said had shown improvements in a number of areas in the past year, and Cyprus.

Both men expressed their countries' desires to work toward a solution of the Cyprus dispute, the U.S. officials said. Turkmen also called on Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger.

BRIEFS

JAKARTA, (AFP) — Indonesian Foreign Minister Mochtar Kusumaatmadja is scheduled to leave here April 10 for a 10-day visit to Oman, Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates, it was announced here Thursday. His talks will stress on boosting economic cooperation.

found guilty on seven charges and that court decided to exact Koranic punishment. Two accomplices, of 18 and 22 years, were sentenced to 14 years in prison and 50 lashes.

ADDIS ABABA, (AFP) — At least eight persons have been killed and unspecified number of persons injured in serious flooding in central and eastern Ethiopia, the Ethiopian News Agency said here Wednesday. The dead, which included a pregnant woman and two children all came from the Dire Dawa area in the east, where flooding paralyzed road and rail traffic and caused widespread damage, the agency added.

Sadat tolerates attacks but 'no mud-slinging'

By Shyam Bhatia

CAIRO, April 2 — Opposition to Egypt's President Sadat is more outspoken today than at any time in the past — and Sadat seems content to tolerate the criticism.

Government policies are frequently attacked in the National Assembly, increasingly without inhibition. There are other outlets as well: public meetings, leaflets and the pages of *Al Shaab* newspaper.

Earlier this month, *Al Shaab* published articles by Ismail Fahmy, a former foreign minister, criticizing the government for ratifying the nuclear non-proliferation treaty. In its latest issue, *Al Shaab* carries a column by Hilmy Murad, leader of the Socialist Liberals, questioning Mrs. Sadat's influence on national policy-making.

The new political prisoners who do remain, like former Vice-President Ali Sabri are being released soon. There are various theories to explain Sadat's new tolerance. One, not seriously entertained, is that he is losing his grip. Another is that Egyptians are finally witnessing real democracy in action, the democracy that Sadat has promised his countrymen.

A third analysis has it that opposition, no matter how articulate, represents no threat because it has no solid constituency from which to challenge the ruling elite. The truth probably encompasses the second and third theories. Sadat and some of his aides have repeatedly pledged their support for democracy in Egypt — 'just like England or America', says columnist Mustapha Amin.

The problem, as Amin and others have discovered, lies in defining the limits of democracy, Egyptian style. Experience over the years suggests that criticism is welcome so long as it concentrates on policies. Mud-slinging is not tolerated. Another factor in Sadat's tolerance of criticism is the political strength of those who attack him. Who does Hilmy Murad represent? asks a senior official. 'Where is his mass support?'

The only real political threat to Sadat, many Egyptians agree, could come from the Muslim Brothers, who deliberately keep a low profile. They have been officially banned since 1954, when they tried to kill President Nasser, but today they have the largest single following in Egypt, estimated at more than one million.

In Syria, the Brothers threaten the regime of President Assad, but Sadat has managed to keep them in check by a few cautious fundamentalist moves of his own. At the risk of annoying the country's six million Coptic Christians, for instance, the government has itself introduced Islamic Sharia law.

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OLD AND NEW: Bones of camels, rhinos and horses buried in volcanic ash 10 million years ago are unearthed at a dig near Orchard, Nebraska (left). Michael R. Voorhies from the University of Nebraska State Museum in Lincoln discovered the site, which has yielded more than 200 skeletons. Meanwhile, the cross between the Volkswagen and stegosaurus (right) was created by Pat Renick, fine arts professor at the University of Cincinnati, Ohio, who is considered an expert in producing steel and fiberglass structures.



CAN HOME: Work in progress at the field Institute of Technology in Britain to "tin can" that will be home for three for some 20 days as they circle the earth balloon at heights of up to 50,000 ft. in stream. Guided by meteorologists, the soon is expected to travel at speeds of up to 100k (180 kph) in jetstreams of the northern Hemisphere.

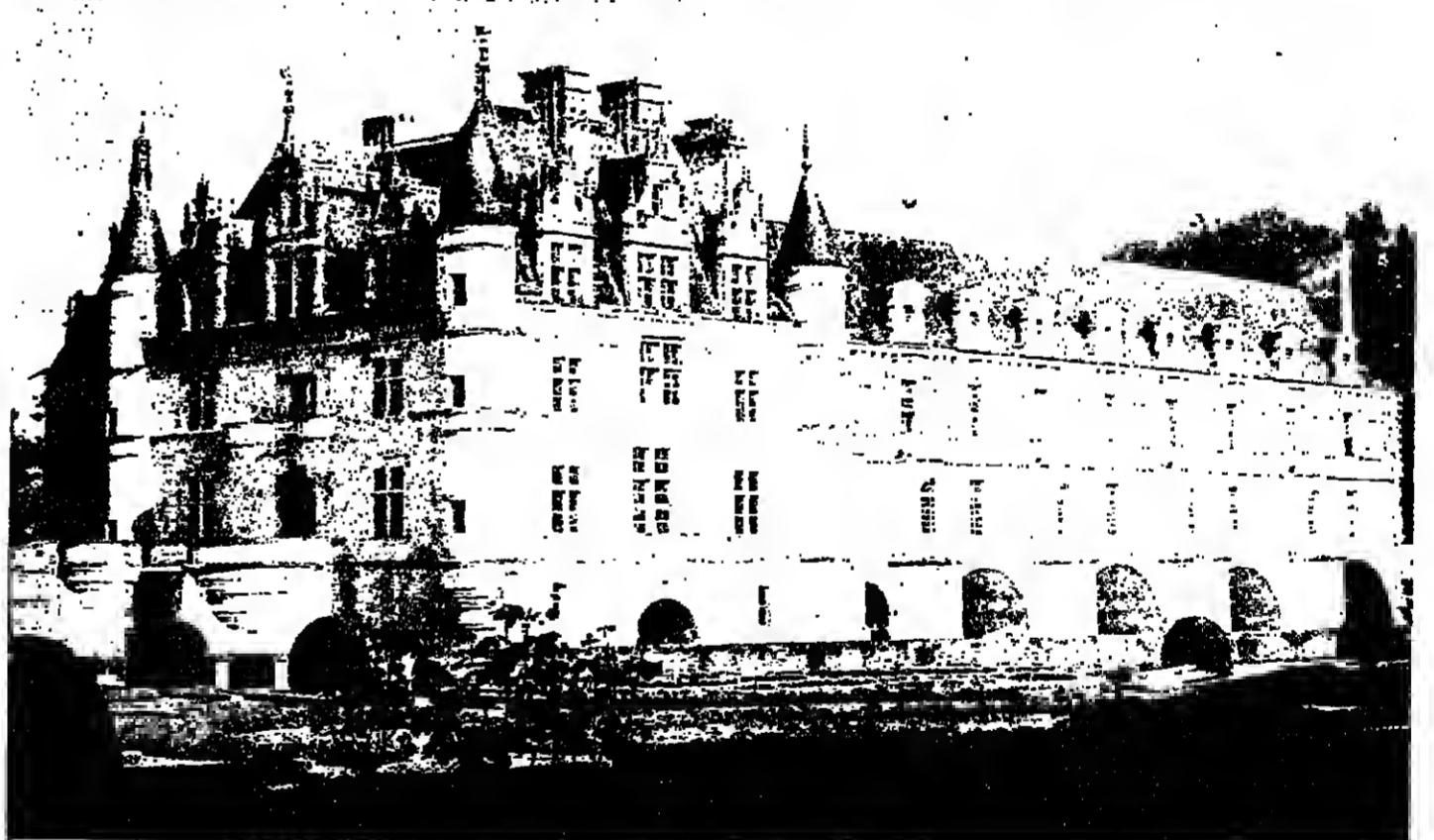
MORNING RIDE: A Moroccan Bedouin, camel and leader make their way to town in the morning sun. (Handphoto)



OH BOY! Two into one will go as was proved by Golden Slimmer of the Year, Robert Moore and Decathlon Champion Daley Thompson. Moore lost 12 stone 6 lb. for the competition, down from 28 stone 8 lb. At time of the photo he weighed half his original weight at a mere 13 stone 10 lb. The pair of pants is part of his old suit.



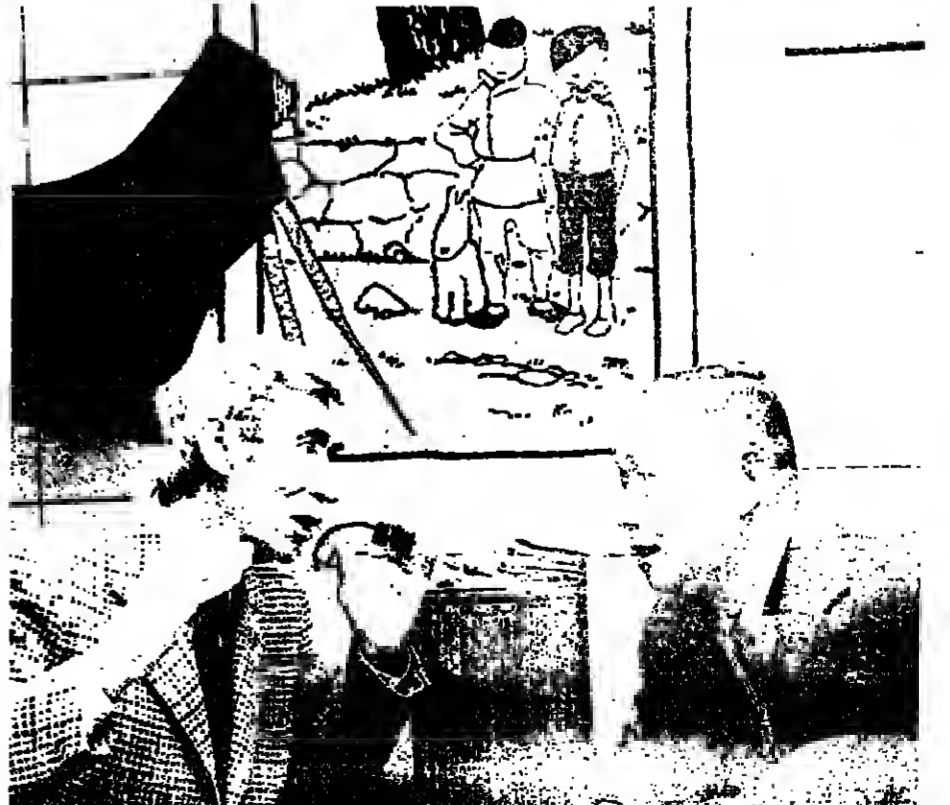
HIMAL WORLD: The latest addition to California's famous San Diego Zoo is a baby orangutan named "India." The little fellow lived by air, having flown some 3,000 miles from Washington, D.C. Below, his cat and chickens live together in a barn on a farm in Zurich, Switzerland. There they get along like the best of friends.



CHATEAU: One of France's greatest architectural possessions is the magnificent Chateau de Chenonceau. Situated near Tours in the Loire Valley, the Chateau is visited constantly by tourists from around the world. The building was constructed in 1513.



NEW-BORN: The Emperor Penguin chick is said to be the first one ever bred and born outside the Antarctic. The chick was born at the Hubbs Research Institute at Sea World, San Diego.



MEETING: Forty-six years ago, Belgian cartoonist Herge took his Chinese friend Tchang, then in Belgium as model for a character in two of his books, "The Blue Lotus" and "Tintin in Tibet." They did not meet again until March 18, 1981, when Tchang returned to Belgium.

DENNIS the MENACE
BY JACKIE KOOLMAN

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BY B. JAY BECKER

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Your Individual Horoscope
By Frances Drake

FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 1981

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)
Distinguish between realistic and fanciful assumptions. Self-analysis is accentuated. Close ties are exuberant, but also extravagant.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)
Accent mental ties while socializing. Don't let friendship get in the way of completing tasks. Be moderate. Don't go to extremes.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
Career talks go well. Plan on a hard-work approach to success. Foreign wishful thinking. Later, you're prone to overparty.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
Rather than seek advice, use an innovative approach to problems. Variety adds spice to your life. Cut down on home extravagances.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)
Don't abasour credit. You may receive extra money now, but you're liable to spend it unwisely. Others are prone to exaggerate.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
Partnership talks are productive. Be realistic about a

Contract Bridge Bidding Quiz (continued)

1. Two spades. It is far better to raise spades than to bid two hearts. Two hearts would not indicate spade support, which you have; on the contrary, it would suggest an absence of spade support. Thus, two hearts would be correct with:

♠6 ♥KQ874 ○K2 ♣J753

Furthermore, two hearts would not be forcing and might result in reaching the wrong part-score or game contract.

The simplest way to show a spade fit is by raising the suit. It is not necessary to particularize the nature of your values at this point.

2. Four spades. It would be straining your imagination unduly to expect partner to lose four tricks opposite this promising hand. The alternative bid, three spades, would be invitational but not forcing, and the auction might die then and there. The singleton club is a very powerful feature that should persuade you to head straight for game.

Contract Bridge Bidding Quiz (continued)

3. Pass. This is not a pleasant decision, but one must be realistic in misfit situations. The only other possible bid, one notrump, is somewhat dangerous. Game is very unlikely, and trying to improve your position by bidding one notrump might easily make matters worse—for example, if partner then bid two spades.

4. Three spades. It's hard to assess your game prospects unilaterally, and it is therefore better to ask partner's view of the matter by inviting him to go on to four spades if he has extra values. The double raise with only three trumps is unusual, but there are compensating features in the form of your excellent high-card values as well as the singleton heart.

With a fourth trump instead of either a diamond or a club, you would raise directly to four spades. It would be wrong in that case to merely invite a game with a hand where you should feel strongly that partner can make ten tricks.

5. Four notrump. It is surely reasonable to assume that North can make a slam if his hand contains either one or two aces. You should therefore use Blackwood to extract this valuable information. You plan to stop at five spades if North responds five clubs, showing no aces, but to bid six spades if North shows one ace by responding five diamonds.

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FZ WDZZHCBKV BW NF MRUH
RK BKJFCK WHKWH FZ MFKFC.

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: YOU'VE NO IDEA WHAT A POOR OPINION I HAVE OF MYSELF, AND HOW LITTLE I DESERVE IT.—W.S.GILBERT

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Channel	Time	Program
3:00	Children's Show	
3:26	Madras	
4:54	Go Show	
5:17	Black Beauty	
5:41	Documentary	
6:31	Dukes of Hazard	
7:26	The Jefferson	
8:51	The Virginian	
9:07	Barnaby Jones	
9:55	Famous Film Theater	
10:00	News Roundup	
10:05	Opening - Analysis	
10:30	Special English	
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